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Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) An upwardly acting sectional door comprising, a plurality 1 2 of panels, body portions of said panels constructed of a flexible polymeric material and having a front surface, a cladding covering said front surface of 3 said body portions and having flexible hooks at the upper and lower edges 4 thereof, a flexible hinge member at an edge of said body portion operatively 5 engaging said hooks of adjacent of said panels to provide relative pivotal 6 motion between said adjacent of said panels, said hinge member encompassing 7 said hooks at said upper and said lower edges of said body portion for 8 maintaining a pivot axis for said hooks during a portion of said pivotal motion 9 and for permitting flexing separation of said hooks during another portion of 10 said pivotal motion. 11
- 1 2. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 1, wherein said hinge member 2 is made of said flexible polymeric material.
- 3. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 1, further comprising, stiles
 covering the ends of said body portions and said cladding.
- 4. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 1, wherein said hooks
 interengage for relative pivotal motion of said panels.
- 1 5. (Canceled)
- 1 6. (Currently amended) A sectional door according to claim [[5]] 1, wherein said
- 2 hooks of adjacent of said panels remain in sufficiently close proximity during
- 3 pivotal motion of said panels such as to provide a pinch-resistant configuration.
- 7. (Canceled)

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with said first pivot axes.

1 8. (Canceled)

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- A sectional door according to claim 8, wherein said An 1 9. (Currently amended) upwardly acting sectional door comprising, a plurality of panels, facers of said 2 panels defining a front surface of the door and having pivotal closure 3 assemblies at the upper and lower edges thereof, end stiles at the ends of said 4 panels adapted to receive the ends of said facers, hinge assemblies located at 5 said end stiles to provide relative pivotal motion between adjacent of said 6 panels, and coupler elements operatively interrelated with said pivotal closure 7 assemblies at one or more locations on said facers intermediate said end stiles, 8 said hinge assemblies define defining first pivot axes between adjacent of said 9 panels and said pivotal closure assemblies defining second pivot axes, 10 said coupler elements operating to maintain said second pivot axes coincident 11
- 1 10. (Currently amendedl) A sectional door according to claim [[8]] 9, wherein said coupler elements are deformable clips encompassing said pivotal closure assemblies.
- 1 11. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 10, wherein said clips are constructed of a temporarily deformable material.
- 1 12. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 10, wherein said pivotal closure
 2 assemblies are hooks at the upper and lower edges of said panels and said clips
 3 have a double loop configuration enclosing said hooks of adjacent of said
 4 panels.
- 1 13. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 12, wherein said hooks of
 2 adjacent of said panels remain in sufficiently close proximity during pivotal
 3 motion of said panels such as to provide a pinch-resistant configuration.

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- 1 14. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 12, wherein said hooks
- 2 interengage for relative pivotal motion of said panels.
- 1 15. (Currently amended) A sectional door according to claim [[7]] 9 further
- 2 comprising, an insulation layer provided behind said front surface of said facer.
- 1 16. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 15, wherein said insulation
- 2 layer has a foam material and a backer therefor.
- 1 17. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 15, wherein said insulation
- 2 layer is solely mechanically retained in said panels.
- 1 18. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 17, wherein said insulation
- layer has upper and lower edges which are confined and retained by said
- pivotal closure assemblies and has end edges which are confined and retained
- 4 by said end stiles.
- 1 19. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 18, wherein said end stiles have
- a rear flange with an in-turned flap which engages said end edges of said
- 3 insulation layer.
- 1 20. (Currently amended) A sectional door according to claim [[7]] 9, wherein said
- end stiles are generally U-shaped members adapted to receive said front
- 3 surface and said pivotal closure assemblies of said facers.
- 1 21. (Currently amended) A sectional door according to claim 20, wherein said
- stiles have a front flange, a rear flange, and a planar end spacing and joining
- 3 said front flange and said rear flange.

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- 1 22. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 21, wherein said rear flange has
- an in-turned flap directed toward said front flange which operates as a
- 3 strengthening member for said panels.
- 1 23. (Canceled)
- 1 24. (Canceled)
- 1 25. (Canceled)
- 1 26. (Canceled)
- 1 27. (Currently amended) A sectional door according to claim 26, wherein said An
- 2 upwardly acting sectional door comprising, a plurality of panels, facers of said
- 3 panels defining a front surface of the door and having pivotal closure
- 4 assemblies at the upper and lower edges thereof, end stiles at the ends of said
- 5 panels adapted to receive the ends of said facers, and hinge assemblies located
- 6 <u>at said end stiles, said hinge assemblies including an upper hinge pin receiver</u>
- 7 <u>formed in said end stiles, a lower hinge pin receiver formed in said end stiles,</u>
- 8 and roller assemblies connecting an upper hinge pin receiver of one of said
- 9 plurality of panels with a lower hinge pin receiver of an adjacent of said
- 10 plurality of panels, one of said lower hinge pin receiver and said upper hinge
- pin receiver being a bore in said end stiles and the other of said lower hinge
- pin receiver and said upper hinge pin receiver being a cylindrical sleeve
- projecting from said end stiles, said roller assemblies having a roller shaft
- insertable in said bore and said cylindrical sleeve and serving as a pivot axis for
- 15 <u>relative pivotal motion between adjacent of said panels,</u> said roller shaft has
- having spaced annular ribs limiting axial movement of said roller shaft relative
- to said bore and said cylindrical sleeve.

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- 1 28. (Original) A sectional door according to claim 27, wherein said flange of said
- end stile has an in-turned arcuate flange centered about said bore and
- 3 engaging said pivotal closure assemblies and maintaining said pivotal closure
- 4 assembly pivotally positioned in engagement with said cylindrical sleeve.
- 1 29. (Canceled)
- 1 30. (Currently amended) A roller and cable-securing device according to claim 29;
- 2 wherein A combined roller assembly and cable-securing device for an upwardly
- acting sectional door comprising, a door panel, an end stile on said door panel
- 4 having an end surface, an aperture in said end surface of said end stile, a roller
- 5 assembly having a roller shaft inserted in said aperture, a cable bracket having
- a collar adapted for securing a cable for operating the door and receiving said
- 7 <u>shaft of said roller assembly, said collar has having</u> an internal diameter
- 8 sufficiently larger than the diameter of said roller shaft such as to remain
- 9 spaced therefrom during operation of the door.
- 1 31. (Original) A roller and cable-securing device according to claim 30, wherein
- 2 said collar has a groove adapted to receive the cable for operating the door.
- 1 32. (Original) A roller and cable-securing device according to claim 30, wherein
- 2 said cable bracket has a projection attached to said collar which is fastened to
- 3 said end stile.
- 1 33. (Canceled)
- 1 34. (Canceled)
- 1 35. (Canceled)
- 1 36. (Canceled)